(ii) some more crops in addition to foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds, subject to the availability of the past yield data are proposed to be covered.

(iii) Acturial premium rates are proposed to be charged in respect of some farmers and crops.

Further details of the new scheme are yet to be finalized.

Flood relief to Andhra Pradesh

1251. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 200 crore released by Government to Andhra Pradesh as flood relief is only advance plan assistance.

(b) if so, whether Government have received a request from the Andhra Pradesh Government to treat this amount as Central grant to the State; and

(c) if so, whether the request is under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. the request of the State Government is under consideration.

Supply of Adulterated Milk by DMS

1252. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DMS have been supplying adulterated milk in some of the colonies of the capital;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the quality of milk before distribution in varios areas are invariably checked;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government of ensure supply fo quality milk by DMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The milk is tested for all quality parameters including prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. These tests are undertaken at the Delhi Milk Scheme Laboratory before despatch for distribution.

(e) To ensure the supply of quality milk, the following steps have been taken:

(i) DMS accepts only best quality milk free from all additives (adulterants and preservatives) from State Dairy Federations and Local Cooperative Societies.

(ii) Milk is processed under the modern processing conditions.

(iii) Milk is packed in food grade polythene pouches by automatic filling machines under hygienic conditions.

(iv) Milk is tested during the processing, filling and storage process at regular intervals of 40 minutes for maintenance of quality standards.

(v) Before despatch, random samples are again drawn from milk vans and checked for quality standards and then only milk is allowed for distribution.

Farmers Service Centres in Gujarat

1253. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established Farmers Service Centres (FSCs) in various parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the district-wise details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the performance of these FSCs in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to increase their number in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Govt. of India have no such scheme. However, Gujarat Agro Industries Ltd., has informed that under the State Government Scheme, four Farmers Agro Service Centres one each in the district of Mehsana, Banas Kantha, Surendra Nagar and Rajkot have been established. The objectives of the scheme of Farmers Agro Service Centres are to provide the custom hiring for the costly agricultural machines, repairing of the machines and to provide advice to the farmers.

(c) and (d) Since Farmers Agro Service Centres have been established in the month of June, 1998, their performance has not been assessed.

(e) and (f) The Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., have intimated that it is planned to establish 25 Farmers Agro Service Centres. So far, only 4 such Centres have been established. Applications have been invited for establishment of remaining Farmers Agro Service Centres.

Recommendations of Central Team Regarding Gujarat Cyclone

1254. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Central Team which visited Gujarat after the cyclone hit the coastal areas of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Inter-Ministerial Group and National Calamities Relief Committee have considered the recommendations;

(c) if so, the detailed action taken by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) As per the scheme for constitution and administration of the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR), the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) considers the request of the State Government and approves the quantum of assistance, if any, to the State Government from the NFCR. The Inter-Ministerial Group has already considered the report of the Central Team. The recommendations by the Central Team and the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) only assist the NCRC to consider in detail, the request of the State Government for a decision in this regard. The assistance, if any, to be provided to the Government of Gujarat from the NFCR will be decided by the NCRC in its meeting, for further necessary action.

सूखा रोकने के लिए दीर्घकालिक उपाय

1255. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का कुछेक राज्यों में प्राय: पड़ने वाले सूखे की स्थिति को रोकने के लिए दीर्घकालिक उपाय करने का विचार है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संदर्भ में सभी राज्यों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया है;

(ग) क्या प्रधान मंत्री ने इन राज्यों में व्याप्त सूखे की गंभीर स्थिति का मुकाबला करने के लिए इन राज्यों को प्रदान किए जाने वाले आवश्यक राहत उपायों का जायजा लेने के लिए इन राज्यों का अब तक कोई दौरा किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित दीर्घकालिक उपायों और अभी तक इन राज्यों को प्रदान की गई कुल सहायता का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम पाल): (क) और (ख) सूचित किया गया है कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय 1973-74 से आन्ध्र प्रदेश, बिहार, गुजरात, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू व कश्मीर, कर्नाटक,